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DATE: 22 JULY 1974

SUBJECT: NEW PRIME MINISTER IN ETHIOPIA

WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF NEW PRIME MINISTER MIKAEL IMRU,
 IT IS APPARENT THAT ETHIOPIA WILL CONTINUE ITS INFORMAL STRUCTURE
 OF DUAL GOVERNMENT CONSISTING OF A CABINET HEADED BY A CIVILIAN
 AND THE MORE POWERFUL ARMED FORCES COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

ALTHOUGH SOME MEMBERS OF THE AFCC HAD FAVORED A PREDOMINANTLY
 MILITARY CABINET, THE APPOINTMENT OF A PERSON OF MIKAEL'S CALIBER
 SUGGESTS THAT FOR THE PRESENT, THE BASICALLY CIVILIAN COMPLEXION
 OF THE CABINET WILL BE MAINTAINED. MIKAEL IS A MODERATE AND A COMPE-
 TENT ADMINISTRATOR AND MAY BE ABLE TO WORK EFFECTIVELY WITH THE
 MILITARY.

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THE AFCC HAD BEEN READY TO DROP THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER, ENDELKATCHEW, FOR SOME TIME BECAUSE THE COMMITTEE FELT HE WAS TOO SLOW IN IMPLEMENTING CHANGES IT WAS DEMANDING. ENDELKATCHEW IS VULNERABLE TO CHARGES OF CORRUPTION AND MAY SOON JOIN OFFICIALS FROM FORMER GOVERNMENTS IN DETENTION.

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